November 19, 2018

Craig Swenson
President
Ashford University
8620 Spectrum Center Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92123-1406

Dear President Swenson:

During its November 7-9, 2018 meeting, the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) considered a proposal submitted by Ashford University (Ashford) for a Change of Control and Legal Status. This change is a Structural Change, defined by WSCUC Substantive Change policy as a change in mission, ownership, legal status, or control.

After deliberation, the Commission acted to:

1. Defer action on the recommendation of the Structural Change Committee pending the receipt and review by the Commission of the additional documentation requested in item 2.

2. Request that the following documents be submitted to the Commission:

   a. The penultimate draft of the OPM Services Agreement and an accompanying crosswalk of any changes in that draft from the terms stated in the executed Letter of Intent dated September 14, 2018
   b. The penultimate draft of the Transition Services Agreement and an accompanying crosswalk of any changes in that draft from the terms stated in the executed Letter of Intent dated September 14, 2018
   c. The penultimate draft of the Letter of Credit Agreement and an accompanying crosswalk of any changes in that draft from the terms stated in the executed Letter of Intent dated September 14, 2018
   d. A proposed schedule of priority for the migration of services being performed under the Transition Agreement and the target times for completion.

We will inform the institution of the outcome of Commission review upon its completion.

This letter will be posted on the WSCUC website in accordance with WSCUC Commission policy. If Ashford would like to respond to the Commission’s findings, a link to your response will be posted on the WSCUC website.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this letter or the action of the Commission.
Sincerely,

Jamienne S. Studley
President

cc: Members of the Substantive Change Committee panel
    John Hausaman, Director of Substantive Change and Committee Relations
    Christopher Oberg, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer